



ADSC and DFI Micropile Joint Committee Minutes

ADSC Spring Meeting
May 7, 2025
Dallas, TX
10:30am (CST)

1. Call to Order & Welcome
 - a. Introductions
2. Safety Moment – John Grillo spoke about an incident regarding unsecured micropile casing in a stack that rolled off and crushed someone’s foot/leg.
3. Old Business
 - a. ADSC/DFI Micropile Guide Specification (Bennet) – Resubmitted. Addressing Matt Glisson’s comments and awaiting DFI Technical Advisory Board (TAB) Review. Let Helen know if you’d like a copy of it. Previously sent out to the MP Committee.
 - b. Micropile Installation Guide (Speier) – Once sections are completed, will form task group to review.
 - i. Definitions & Construction Materials Sections – Draft Complete
 - ii. Installation Methods – Draft Complete
 - iii. Materials QA/QC – Draft Complete
 - iv. Load Testing – Craig Smith w Goettle – Draft in progress.
 - c. ASCE Micropile Design Guide Chapter for electrical transmission industry (Toney). Currently at 18 chapters and 4 appendices. Went out to the Blue-Ribbon panel through ADSC for review. In home stretch. No word for publication date at this point.
 - d. Hollow Bar State of the Practice document (Robinson)- Task force formed (Ambio, Robinson, Mastrantuono, Frank, MacLean). First meeting May 12th to review document and work on assigning chapters.
 - e. ASCE-GI/SEI Foundation Design Standard (Blackburn) Current effort to write a micropile ASCE standard. Keeping it simple as a design standard, not a construction standard. Looking for assistance from the committee when drafts are ready for review. This will be a true design standard with a commentary section. Hoping to engage the group for content in the commentary section. Contact Helen Robinson to assist / more information.

4. New Business
 - a. Helen is in her last year of co-chair of MP Committee. Looking for volunteers / nominations.

5. Education/Upcoming Events
 - a. SuperPile June 18-20 2025 Cleveland, OH
 - b. ADSC Summer Meeting Big Island, Hawaii July 20 - 22
 - c. S3 2025 Aug 5 – 7 Madison, WI
 - d. ISM 16th Intl. Workshop Sept 24 – 26 Valencia, Spain
 - e. PMT (Project Manager Training) Aug 19-21 Dallas, TX
 - f. ADSC Fall Meeting Oct 1 2025 (Virtual)
 - g. DFI 50 October 20-23 2025 Nashville, TN
 - h. Working Platforms / Safety Summit Nov 3 – 6 2025 Dallas, TX

6. Government Activities (Nichols)

Silas unavailable. Travel / spending freeze on government activities.

7. Research
 - a. U of Maine – MP casing threaded joints (Ambio)

Paper is complete and thesis has been defended. Peggy provided Denis with final copy of paper, and is available to all ADSC / DFI members. Contact Denis for more information / to receive a copy.

 - b. ASTM A981 Testing with Type 1L Cement (Robinson)

Purpose of all of these Type 1L topics and research projects is to look at different manufacturers, cement content, limestone content, and checking performance. The test has a 2 ft tube with a strand. Still doing testing. Focus is now on geological variations in limestone based on regional supply.

8. Discussion Topics
 - a. GEC-16 Feedback. Ongoing.
 - b. LRFD for ASCE 7 load combinations (Segar)

Topic is ongoing. Nothing concrete at the moment. Eric Loehr has commented before and currently there's no discernible way to resolve the conflicting specs.
 - c. Micropile Connections (Laczynski) – nothing to report at this time

9. Next Meetings:
 - i. ADSC Summer Meeting – Big Island, Hawaii July 20 – 22 2025
 - ii. Virtual meeting to be scheduled in-between
 - iii. DFI Annual Conference- Nashville, TN Oct 20 – 23 2025

10. Meeting Adjourned – 11:15am (CST)